

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1205

By Weaver

A RESOLUTION to recognize Denise Henry on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Denise Henry is one such estimable person who served with distinction for twenty-eight years as an emergency services/911 dispatcher in Smith County and took her much-deserved retirement on April 23, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Henry began her public service career in January 1992, working at the dispatch center that was then located on Jefferson Avenue in Carthage before Central dispatch relocated to its present office in the former Smith County Health Department building; and

WHEREAS, working mainly the day shift, Denise Henry was the calming voice responding to countless 911 calls for help and assistance, running the gamut from a hysterical woman locked in a bathroom to the tragedy of farm accidents and the horror of an individual being shot and killed; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Henry skillfully handled every call, utilizing the training she received over the years to help provide the best outcome possible for those reaching out in a time of crisis; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of the McClures Bend community in Smith County, Denise Henry enjoys the love and support of her husband, Gerald "Jerry" Henry, and their two daughters, Casey Trisdale and Geri Kay Bunting, and their two grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Denise Henry exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Denise Henry has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Denise Henry our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.